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BOARD FOR FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

January 9, 2017
Wayne Twp. FD
700 N High School Rd
Indpls IN 46214
6pm EST
Agenda

A. Call to order at 6pm

Present

Eric Dreiman (Chair)
Eric Gentry (Co-chair)
Rob Lund (Secretary)
Greg Wyant
Burke Jones
Tom Hanify
John Smith
Chris Johnson
James Greeson
Brandon Wood
Jason Rogers

Absent

Genois Brabson

B. Consideration and approval of Nov 28, 2016 minutes

Rob Lund stated that his name was missing from the November minutes as absent. Eric Gentry made a motion to approve with

the correction. James Greeson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

C. New Variance requests (staff recommends approval)

1. Ben Sieverding, Southwest Career Center, under 18 years of age testing.
Burke Jones made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.
2. William Alfke, Arsenal Technical HS CTC, under 18 years of age testing.
Rob Lund made a motion to approve. Burke Jones seconded. Motion passed.
3. Eric Funkhouser, Bargersville FD, under 18 years of age testing.
Connor Fitzpatrick.
James Greeson made a motion to approve. Burke Jones seconded. Motion passed. Brandon Wood abstained from voting.
4. Ryan Winters Instructor I, pending his passing the reciprocity test within 90 days from today.
James Greeson made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.
5. Dustin White, Fire Officer I.
James Greeson made a motion to approve. Chris Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

6. Larry Sayre, Fire Officer II

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. James Greeson seconded. Motion passed.

7. Luke Brunson, Fire Officer II.

Brandon Wood made a motion to approve. Burke Jones seconded. Motion passed.

D. New Variance requests (staff recommends denial)

No requests at this time

E. New Variance requests (staff has no recommendation)

1. Christopher Hargrove and Christopher McCartt, Rope Rescue Ops/Tech.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Eric Gentry seconded. Motion passed.

F. State Fire Marshal Report – James Greeson

I was reappointed last week. I want to thank everyone.

Everyone spoke favorably about this office and we appreciate your continued support.

- Career Chief Leadership Seminar

We have 3 meetings scheduled this year.

January 28 is in New Castle

February 18 is in Warsaw

March 11 is in Huntingburg and they are providing breakfast and lunch for attendees.

On January 17 we are holding a Career Fire Chief Seminar at Brownsburg.

- There were 78 fire deaths in Indiana in 2016, ½ were due to either nonfunctioning smoke alarms or no smoke alarms on the premises.
- The State Fire Marshal's office has around 140 smoke alarms that we can distribute to those families that are in need of them, and the Red Cross has a program that can also assist with this. Fire Depts. need to look around and let us know where these would be the most beneficial in the communities and let us know.
- We have a new Executive Director, Brian Langley, who is from Cummins Diesel. He was the Global Security Director there and has worked for the Federal Government in his career. I will invite him to next Board meeting so that you can be introduced to him and talk with him.
- We had some major fires in Brazil and Flora Indiana that involved multiple deaths. In Flora, 4 children died. We were there for the firefighters that handled the scene. We assisted in the critical incident stress debriefing. Firefighters tell you that they are ok with situations like this but they need to talk, cry, and work through these type of situations. In small towns, everyone knows everyone else and these situations hit home. You need to talk to someone, get the feeling out somehow. The State Fire Marshal's Office is there to assist with this. In Brazil we have a similar situation when a mother and child died. They were

heating with a space heaters and kerosene, and had a nonworking smoke alarm. John Buckman and I were there to assist with the critical incident debriefing. We talked with them, cooked breakfast and lunch for them, and made ourselves available for whatever they needed. We noticed that the firefighters had no second set of gear, they were wet and cold and nothing to change into during this fire. IFD is working with them to get the firefighters there a second set of gear for their dept.

- The number 1 cause of firefighter deaths is cancer. The number 2 cause of firefighter deaths is suicide. We had 128 firefighter suicides in 2016. Critical Incident debriefing is a critical part in stopping the suicides. Watch out for each other in these incidents.
- Fire Depts. have insurance to pay for any counseling needed for this type of situation.

G. Director of Training/Preparedness – Brandon Wood

We are having a training exercise 2018 involving the Air Guard Blue Angels and the Indiana National Guard in Terre Haute. The Air Guard, is wanting to turn this event into a training exercise involving EMS, EMA, Fire, and Law Enforcement. We will be having meeting this year on putting this into place and they will be reaching out to the individual depts. for help and assistance.

H. Section Chief of Fire Training – John Buckman III

- Driver Operator module system

I want to introduce Jason Coffey and Jim Campbell that have been working on the Driver Operator modular system. This is an alternative to the current program. For the modular system we are taking the 1st module and making it the General knowledge portion. This is the stuff that is repeated in all the driver operator courses i.e. Oil changes, pressure valves, tread depth, etc. This is the information that is repeated throughout the 3 disciplines. Then the 2nd module would be the pumper knowledge, 3rd module would be aerial knowledge and the 4th would be the mobile water supply. The General module would be the prerequisite for the other 3 modules. Module 2-4 can be taken in any order. We are asking to be able to beta test this 5 times in the next 6 months. Jim Campbell stated that most of this was done by the committee that was held back in the summer of 2015. Burke Jones made a motion to approve the Beta testing within the next 6 months. Eric Gentry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- No longer allowing combination testing per IFSAC
The IFSAC site team told us that we could no longer do the combination testing. This involves FF ½; Inspector ½
- Introduction of Donna Saine is our new shared services manager. Currently we have separate processing for EMS, Fire and EMA and under the Fire and Public Safety Academy. Donna worked for us once before in Training and I will let Donna talk.
- I have almost 6 years in Homeland Security in the fiscal division, my last position was in training and exercise

where I was focused on the NLE 2011 exercise. I was the training manager for the Northern districts. I have been learning a lot about certification, each has their own process and what is required in each section. They are similar yet each has its own requirement. We are going to try to find a process that will work for all and streamline the process a little more. I am glad to be back in Homeland Security.

- I received an e-mail from Barb Goble that she is retiring on March 24th.
- IFSAC site visit update
We did not get any of our certifications renewed yet. We have until March 15 to correct the errors that were found and submit to IFSAC and then they will take the information to their Board and vote. We are working diligently to correct the issues. We did add Fire Officer I-IV to the IFSAC eligible. Nothing is official until April.
- NFPA updates
We are still working on updating our standards. We have added the NFPA 1006 for the rescue certifications.
- Instructor variance status
This is a list of all individuals that have asked for an instructor variance. As you can see, only ½ have actually followed through. One failed, 2 were voided because they did not take the test.
- Board rule rewrite
We are still working on this. We are just about finished, but we have to work up the fiscal impact statement on each change.

- Final skill scenarios

IFSAC notified us that we could no longer list the final skill testing on line. We can list the scenario for the quarter, but the actual steps that would be graded cannot be listed. The lead evaluator must call the office to get this. Every evaluator will get a different set of skills that would be graded. Again, these will change with every phone call.

I. Administrative Proceedings/ Non-Final Orders

DHS-1604-BFPSE-001, Dawn Horvath

John Smith made a motion to approve the non-final order of dismissal. Burke Jones seconded. Motion passed.

J. Request for Administrative Appeals – Chairman

No report at this time.

K. Old Business

Tabled from Nov. meeting

1. Goshen FD, extension for Structural Collapse

2. Southwest Fire Territory extension for Structural Collapse

Letter enclosed explaining time frame

3. City of Elkhart, extension for Structural Collapse

4. South Bend FD, extension for Structural Collapse

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve an extension for this until April 2018. All testing should be completed at that time. Eric Gentry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

L. New Business

Rob Lund made a motion to authorize Chelsea E. Smith to serve as Administrative Law Judge under IC 4-21-5 for the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, including, without limitation, the authority to:

1. Assume all pending administrative cases before the Board with ultimate authority for these actions resting with the Board;
2. Act as administrative law judge for all new cases to come before the Board with ultimate authority for these actions resting with the Board;
3. Hear and rule upon petitions for stays of enforcement as the ultimate authority for the Board; and
4. Hear and decide appeals to Emergency Orders issued with respect to one or more violations of the Board statutes or rules as ultimate authority for the Board.

Jason Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

M. Open discussion, comments, questions?

Chris Johnson asked about the John Cline situation. Jonathan Whitham responded that it was still in the appeal process.

N. Adjourned

Next meeting:

February 27, 2017 6pm
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Approved:

Date:

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Eric Gentry, Vice-Chairman

